

A Short Short But Important Story

About Agriculture

The welfare of all Saskatchewan depends mainly upon the welfare of the farmer, and the welfare of the farmer depends upon three things: Protection, Production, and Prices!

PROTECTION depends upon legislation to prevent exploitation of farmers by financial institutions, organized efforts to build feed and seed reserves, and elimination of livestock diseases.

PRODUCTION depends upon the proper use and care of land, the development of irrigation, and the use of the best, tested methods of operation.

PRICES depend upon the quality of products, the markets available, the methods of marketing, and the Federal price policy.

A thorough and permanent program is being developed by the Saskatchewan C.C.F. Government to help the farmer attain all these essentials for his welfare.

What Has Been Done for Agriculture

BY THE SASKATCHEWAN C.C.F. GOVERNMENT
TO GIVE FARMERS PROTECTION

THE FARM SECURITY ACT—

1. No farm family can be evicted under mortgage from its home quarter.
2. A farmer may claim as exempt under an execution sufficient of his income to keep his family and to put in his next crop.
3. A crop failure clause is inserted into every agreement of sale and every mortgage on farm land, both past and future, providing for a reduction in the amount owing by four percent, or by one year's interest, whichever is the greater, in the event of the crop falling below a value of \$6.00 per seeded acre through causes beyond the control of the farmer.

ASSISTANCE TO DEBTORS—

The Mediation Board is given power to assist farmers in all matters arising out of contract, and is ready to help anyone threatened with foreclosure.

THE FIGHT FOR FARM RIGHTS—

The Farm Security legislation is being challenged in the courts by the Federal Liberal Government and the mortgage companies, but the C.C.F. Government is prepared to fight the case through to the Privy Council if necessary. In the meantime the protection remains.

FEED AND SEED RESERVES—

Leadership and assistance is being given to farmers to set up their own reserves so that they will never again have to buy expensive feed and seed after a crop failure.

VETERINARY SERVICES—

Assistance has been provided to Rural Municipalities to enable them to obtain adequate veterinary services. Because there is a shortage of veterinarians, scholarships are being given to assist young people to enter this profession.

TO AID PRODUCTION

AGRICULTURAL REPRESENTATIVES—

The Agricultural Representative Service has been greatly extended. Field men with farm experience and university training now reside in all parts of the Province to organize and work with local agricultural committees.

BETTER METHODS—

The local agricultural committees, appointed by municipal councils, are assisted to study the production history of their district and to develop a long-term policy on the basis of known facts. They study and take action upon such things as: Is the land being properly used? What co-operative action can be taken in regard to weed control, and the development of good seed and good pastures? What is the best over-all production policy? What is needed in the way of agricultural field days, livestock clubs, and other educational projects? In what way can farmers co-operate in using machinery and obtaining water and electricity?

IRRIGATION—

The Provincial Government is working with the P.F.R.A. in developing irrigation. The first objective is to provide feed reserves for the surrounding areas. The second will be the development of specialized crops.

INCREASING INCOME—

It is estimated that with proper use of land and careful application of the best farming methods Saskatchewan can double its agricultural production.

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TO OBTAIN FAIR PRICES

It is impossible for a Provincial Government to attack this problem directly since price control and export trade are under the Federal Government, but the C.C.F. Government is taking every action possible.

NEW MARKETS—

The Saskatchewan Government is taking the lead in seeking new markets through co-operatives in other countries.

HUDSON BAY ROUTE—

A constant effort is being made to promote greater use of the Hudson Bay Route, in order to reduce freight charges on both exports and imports.

NEW INDUSTRIES—

New Saskatchewan industries, such as the Woollen Mill, the Tannery and the Shoe Factory, provide outlets for agricultural products, and at the same time create an industrial population of consumers.

SUPPORT FOR CO-OPS

The Saskatchewan Government's support for Co-operative Associations has assisted in new developments such as the Horse Processing Plant and Canadian Co-op Implements Limited. Co-ops of all kinds assist farmers both in marketing their products and in buying their supplies.

FAIR PRICE POLICY—

The Saskatchewan Government supports every move to obtain from the Federal Government a price policy which will give farmers their fair share of the national income.

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